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# Red Sweep Over Most of Latin America Forecast

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The Miami Herald

MIAMI—A highly educated Miami man, who gave up his U. S. citizenship to work for Fidel Castro, is convinced that "a Communist takeover of most of Latin America from Cuba is imminent."

Joaquin (Jack) Ossorio, a hollow-cheeked and pale man, three years in "Cuba's terrible prisons"—La Cabana and Isle of Pines.

"I was in charge of diplomatic affairs in the office of Prime Minister Fidel Castro," Ossorio said, "until I was arrested on April 25, 1960, and accused of being a U. S. spy."

A graduate of the Miami Senior High School and the University of Miami, the 42-year-old Ossorio also holds a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Freed from a 30-year prison sentence, Ossorio came to Miami as one of the 21 American prisoners whose release was negotiated by New York attorney James B. Donovan.

"My father, who was born in Cuba, and my mother are still in Cuba," he said. "The only reason I would not talk about conditions inside the prisons—where I had a lot of time to read and to think—is that I believe that a Communist takeover is imminent in all of Latin America except for Argentina, Mexico and Cuba, which will be used as a base because the takeover is being prepared there."

Ossorio believes the United States must stop it if they can. Communism in Brazil, Chile, Argentina, the United States and Canada is still remaining.

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down in history as one of the big ones—one of the greatest conquerors in history—another Napoleon or Alexander the Great."

"I don't have Castrophobia," he declared. "Castro and I are at opposite poles in our thinking. I believe in free enterprise without creeping socialism."

"I feel that eventually the United States will be forced to seize Cuba and hold it for several years. The struggle against communism has started in this hemisphere. The Communist will hold most of Latin America for 20 years, although they might hold Mexico even longer."

Ossorio was born in Cuba's Oriente Province, the cradle of Castro's revolution against dictator Fulgencio Batista. He came to the United States in 1937.

He said he was not a U. S. spy in Cuba and was not guilty of the charges of giving out secret information from confidential documents that he handled in the Prime Minister's office.

When he was arrested in 1960, he was held 46 days incommunicado at G-2 headquarters in Havana. He was then sent to La Cabana Prison and after many months was tried by a five-man military tribunal and sentenced to 30 years in prison. After a year at La Cabana, he was sent to the Isle of Pines.

Ossorio said he has no im-

mediate plans. One thing is sure, he will not join any of the Cuban exile organizations.

"There is very little that Cubans can do," he said. "It is out of their hands completely. Exile organizations are not making plans for the future of Cuba. Exile leaders want to take over jobs—not to solve Cuba's problems."

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